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Membership at Rocky Mountain Alliance Church (RMAC)

The primary requirement for membership at RMAC is trusting in Jesus Christ as your Savior. What does that mean?

Steps to Peace with God:

God's Plan – Peace and Life

God loves you and wants you to experience His peace and life.

The Bible says: “For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life”

(John 3:16).

Our Problem – Separation

Being at peace with God is not automatic, because by nature you are separated from God.

The Bible says: “For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God” (Romans 3:23).

God's Remedy – The Cross

God's love bridges the gap of separation between God and you. When Jesus Christ died on the cross and rose from the grave, He paid the penalty for your sins.

The Bible says: “He personally carried the load of our sins in his own body when he died on the cross”

(1 Peter 2:24 TLB).

Our Response – Receive Christ

You cross the bridge into God's family when you receive Christ by personal invitation.

The Bible says: "But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name" (John 1:12).

To receive Christ you need to do four things:

ADMIT your spiritual need. "I am a sinner."

REPENT and be willing to turn from your sin.

BELIEVE that Jesus Christ died for you on the cross.

4. RECEIVE, through prayer, Jesus Christ into your heart and life as Lord and Saviour.

The Bible says, "Whoever calls upon the name of the Lord will be saved." (Romans 10:13)

Have you received Christ as Savior?

Our Roots – The C&MA

Psalm 78:3-4 says, “... what we have heard and known, what our fathers told us. We will not hide from their children; we will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the LORD, His power and the wonders He has done.”

The C&MA (Christian & Missionary Alliance) did not begin as a splinter group or as a denomination. We were simply a movement of Christians mobilized by God with a deep desire to see the Great Commission completed. The movement began under the leadership of Dr. Albert B. Simpson, a Canadian pastor who had started his ministry years earlier in the Knox Presbyterian Church in Hamilton, Ontario, Canada. Although he was only 21 years old when he started, Simpson took in more than 750 new members in his eight-year tenure as pastor.

Following the Civil War in the USA, Simpson accepted a call to pastor the Presbyterian Church in Louisville, Kentucky. It was during this ministry that he came to know God in a deeper way. Simpson’s life and ministry was profoundly changed. He began to long passionately for the church to live up to Christ’s calling to take the Gospel to every nation, and thus speed the return of Jesus (Matthew 24:14; 2 Peter 3:12).

In 1879, Simpson accepted a call to pastor the 13th Street Presbyterian Church in New York City. Simpson saw this church poised to strategically reach the tens of thousands of immigrants streaming through the harbor to find their dream in America. A vibrant street ministry was started. However, when the Board refused to grant membership to 100 immigrants who had come to Christ through Simpson’s ministry, he felt compelled to resign so that he could continue to reach the lost.

That same week in November 1881, Simpson placed an ad in the newspaper inviting anyone interested in reaching the spiritually lost to join him in an independent work. Seven people showed up for the first meeting. Two years later, the Gospel Tabernacle (as the church was called), had grown to 217 members. More than 700 people would crowd in to the evening worship service. Declaring Jesus Christ as Savior, Sanctifier, Healer and Coming King became the distinctive fourfold message of this church which was the start of what we now call The Christian and Missionary Alliance.

In 1883, the Gospel Tabernacle formed a Mission Society dedicated to praying for and educating people to serve as career missionaries. A missionary training college was founded in Nyack, NY and a year later the first five missionaries were commissioned to take the Gospel to the Congo, in Africa. Later, the society was renamed the Missionary Alliance. The believers from various denominations who met together each Sunday afternoon to pray and promote missions became known as the Christian Alliance. People from every major evangelical church joined in these “branch meetings.” The initial idea was that they would return to their own churches and encourage them to reach the lost. However, it eventually became clear that people were won to Christ through these “branch meetings” and needed to be disciplined in their new faith. When established churches would not accept these new Christians, the branch meetings became new churches, and eventually formed the Christian and Missionary Alliance denomination. The first Alliance church in Canada was Bethany Tabernacle, founded by John Salmon in Toronto in 1887.

Throughout the early years the C&MA in Canada was governed by the Alliance in the United States. An autonomous Christian and Missionary Alliance in Canada came a giant step closer at the founding Assembly held in Winnipeg in June 1980. A constitution was adopted, a president elected, and a Board of Directors chosen in preparation for full Canadian autonomy January 1, 1981. The two organizations, from Canada and the U.S., maintain a close cooperative relationship today.

Today, the C&MA has grown to more than 2,000 churches across the US and hundreds more in Canada. We are more than 500,000 believers strong, worshiping in 37 languages, involving 21 ethnic groups.

The Alliance works in more than 70 countries around the world, with over 20,000 churches in which more than 4 million people gather to worship. As a member of The Alliance World Fellowship which has grown more than 260% in the past 20 years alone, the Canadian Alliance is one of a network of national churches that make up the global Alliance family. Every two minutes, someone comes to faith in Christ through Alliance ministries. Our continuing vision is to be “Christ Centered, Spirit Empowered, and Mission Focused.”

Our Extended Family

The RMAC is part of the Western Canadian District (WCD) of The C&MA. This district includes Alberta and the Northwest Territories. The District office is in Calgary, Alberta.

The national office of The C&MA is located in Toronto, Ontario. If you want more information check out the website by going to cmaacan.org.

The “Four Fold” Gospel



Jesus is –

Our SAVIOR Jesus' death on a cross was the fulfillment of Old Testament law, which required blood atonement for sin. By His death and resurrection, we are redeemed from eternal separation from God, justified, made righteous, and accepted in His Name. Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to man by which we must be saved.

Our SANCTIFIER The laver symbol represents the daily cleansing from sin by the power of the Holy Spirit. His divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness (2 Peter 1:3).

Our HEALER This symbol represents a pitcher containing oil to anoint the sick for healing that comes through obedience to God's Word. *And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise him up (James 5:15).*

Our COMING KING The crown represents Christ's royalty as the King of Kings. His coming will be a visible, personal appearance. *You will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Mighty One and coming on the clouds of heaven (Mark 14:62)*

RMAC Statement of Faith

There is one God,(1) who is infinitely perfect,(2) existing eternally in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.(3)

Jesus Christ is the true God and the true man.(4) He was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.(5) He died upon the cross, the Just for the unjust,(6) as a substitutionary sacrifice,(7) and all who believe in Him are justified on the ground of His shed blood.(8) He arose from the dead according to the Scriptures.(9) He is now at the right hand of Majesty on high as our great High Priest.(10) He will come again to establish His kingdom, righteousness and peace.(11)

The Holy Spirit is a divine person,(12) sent to indwell, guide, teach, empower the believer,(13) and convince the world of sin, of righteousness, and of judgment.(14)

The *Old and New Testaments*, inerrant as originally given, were verbally inspired by God and are a complete revelation of His will for the salvation of men. They constitute the divine and only rule of Christian faith and practice.(15)

Man was originally created in the image and likeness of God: (16) he fell through disobedience, incurring thereby both physical and spiritual death. All men are born with a sinful nature,(17) are separated from the life of God, and can be saved only through the atoning work of the Lord Jesus Christ. (18) The portion of the unrepentant and unbelieving is existence forever in conscious torment;(19) and that of the believer, in everlasting joy and bliss.(20)

Salvation has been provided through Jesus Christ for all men; and those who repent and believe in Him are born again of the Holy Spirit, receive the gift of eternal life, and become the children of God.(21)

It is the will of God that each believer should be filled with the Holy Spirit and be sanctified wholly,(22) being separated from sin and the world and fully dedicated to the will of God, thereby receiving power for holy living and effective service. (23) This is both a crisis and a progressive experience wrought in the life of the believer subsequent to conversion.(24)

Provision is made in the redemptive work of the Lord Jesus Christ for the healing of the mortal body.(25) Prayer for the sick and anointing with oil are taught in the Scriptures and are privileges for the Church in this present age.(26)

The Church consists of all those who believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, are redeemed through His blood, and are born again of the Holy Spirit. Christ is the Head of the Body, the Church, (27) which has been commissioned by Him to go into all the world as a witness, preaching the gospel to all nations.(28) The local church is a body of believers in Christ who are joined together for the worship of God, for edification through the Word of God, for prayer, fellowship, the proclamation of the gospel, and observance of the ordinances of Baptism and the Lord's Supper.(29)

There shall be a bodily resurrection of the just and of the unjust; for the former, a resurrection unto life;(30) for the latter, a resurrection unto judgment.(31)

The second coming of the Lord Jesus Christ is imminent (32) and will be personal, visible, and premillennial.(33) This is the believer's blessed hope and is a vital truth which is an incentive to holy living and faithful service.(34)

[1] Deuteronomy 6:4, [2] Matthew 5:48, [3] Matthew 28:19,
[4] Philippians 2:6–11, [5] Luke 1:34–38, [6] 1 Peter 3:18,
[7] Hebrews 2:9, [8] Romans 5:9, [9] Acts 2:23–24,
[10] Hebrews 8:1, [11] Matthew 26:64, [12] John 14:15–18,
[13] John 16:13; Acts 1:8, [14] John 16:7–11,
[15] 2 Peter 1:20–21; 2 Timothy 3:15–16, [16] Genesis 1:27,
[17] Romans 3:23, [18] 1 Corinthians 15:20–23,
[19] Revelation 21:8, [20] Revelation 21:1–4, [21] Titus 3:4–7, [22] 1
Thessalonians 5:23, [23] Acts 1:8, [24] Romans 6:1–14, [25]
Matthew 8:16–17, [26] James 5:13–16,
[27] Ephesians 1:22–23, [28] Matthew 28:19–20,
[29] Acts 2:41–47, [30] 1 Corinthians 15:20–23,
[31] John 5:28–29, [32] Hebrews 10:37, [33] Luke 21:27,
[34] Titus 2:11–14

Our Story - Rocky Mountain Alliance Church

Rocky Mountain Alliance Church had its beginning on January 18, 1974, when a group of eight interested families met to determine the feasibility of establishing a new congregation in Rocky Mountain House. Ten of the fifteen persons at the meeting had been in the area less than sixteen months, but all had the desire to see a vibrant, witnessing church established. One predominant theme of prayer was that those involved would be sensitive to the leading of the Holy Spirit in every decision. Arrangements were made to rent the Seventh Day Adventist Church building. A name was chosen: 'Rocky Mountain Christian Fellowship'. Regular midweek bible studies and business sessions were held and the unity of purpose developed into a warm bond of fellowship.

The first service was held Feb. 24, 1974, in the evening, and the following week morning worship was held with Sunday School for all ages. About this time the rural Bingley Mission closed its doors and several more families joined the fellowship.

There were 4 denominations represented in the original group so a vote was taken to see which denomination to align with, and they voted The Christian and Missionary Alliance Churches of Canada.

October 1974 the formal Christian and Missionary Alliance Church of Canada affiliation service was conducted, and the name was official. Recorded objectives and goals in 1974 were: spiritual growth; discovery and use of spiritual gifts; increasing love; caring personal involvement and spreading the gospel. Attendance on Sunday morning averaged sixty-five and up Pioneer Girls, Boys Brigade and study groups reached into the community.

In March 1975, the congregation purchased property 5304-57 Street for its own building. The sod breaking was conducted May 3, 1977 with Reverend Ken Little doing the honors. Ten months of construction and many of the men of the congregation contributing hours of volunteer labor to get the building built. Easter Sunday March 26, 1978 was the official first service in the building with the Dedication of the Building taking place on Sunday June 25, 1978 during the morning service.

Church Staff

Kelly Carnahan, Lead Pastor
Gay Glover, Custodian
Carla Beland, Secretary

Church Organization

The church is led by Elders elected by the congregation who serve by leading, teaching, caring for and protecting the church in concert with the staff pastors. They also serve as the governing board and conduct the regular business of the church between annual meetings.

Elders: Don Baker, Kelly Carnahan, Ryan Glover,
Brian Halladay, Steven Hart, Glenn Stone.

In addition we recognize deacons as they serve Christ's church in practical ways.

Deacons: Bill Glover, John Hildebrand, Doug Ritchie, and
Harry Sim.

Our Purpose

We are currently praying through our churches purpose Statement, though we know that it will be Christ Centered and Word focused living out biblical community together as is described in Acts 2:42 : They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.

Core Values

Christ Centered
The Inerrant Word of God
Biblical Leadership
Missional both locally and globally
Spirit Empowered

Ministries of Rocky Mountain Alliance Church

Children's Ministries - Birth to 6th Grade

Nursery

Faith Finders (Sunday School)

Youth Ministries – Middle School, Senior High School

High School Bible Study on Saturday nights.

Middle School Youth on Wednesday nights

Concerts

Retreats

Camps

Adult Ministries

Life Groups

Women's Ministry

Men's Ministry

North of Fifty

Short Term Missions Teams

For an up-to-date list of ministries and events please visit the website: **www.rockyalliance.ca**

Ordinances of the Church

Baptism

The practice of water baptism was established by Christ himself for the benefit of the church. Water baptism is sometimes called the ordinance of initiation. This act of obedience to Christ is a testimony to the world of the believer's commitment to be a Christ-follower. It is a response of Christian discipleship.

Communion

Communion, or the Lord's Supper, is a regular practice of this church. It is practiced as an ordinance directed by Jesus Christ at His Last Supper with the disciples just before His arrest and crucifixion. Communion symbolizes our remembrance of, and identifications with, the redemptive sacrifice of Jesus on the cross. In it we share as a Body of Believers in the bread, which symbolizes His body broken for us, and the cup, which represents His blood shed for us.

This ordinance is open to all who profess faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, whether they are a member of the Rocky Mountain Alliance Church or not. The Lord's Supper is meant as a symbol to remind us of the grace given to ALL believers, uniting them in the one sacrifice (Jesus) for all men whereby they can be saved.

Why Membership?

If you attend Rocky Mountain Alliance Church, we consider you an important part of our fellowship. As an important part of this fellowship there are four good reasons for you to become a member.

A Biblical Reason: Christ is committed to the Church. In Ephesians 5:25 it says, “Christ loved the church, and gave his life for it.” There was no lack of commitment on His part. God’s people need to take steps of commitment too. Membership is such a step. Commitment is always good for us. It forces us to be active and to be accountable. (See also: Romans 12: 4-5, I Corinthians 6:15a and I Corinthians 21:12-27)

A Cultural Reason: Commitment to a local Body of believers is an antidote to our society’s values. We live in an age when very few want to be committed to anything. Church membership goes against the current of “consumer” religion. It is a way to publicly demonstrate your commitment to the Body of Christ.

A Practical Reason: Commitment produces spiritual growth for a simple reason: it brings accountability. It’s hard to be accountable when you’re not committed. With commitment comes a different kind of relationship to the Body.

A Business Reason: Maintaining membership protects our church. When we have business meetings such as our Annual Meeting, there must be a way to limit voting to those who are truly connected to our church. Otherwise, our purpose could be compromised or our assets put at risk.

The Privileges of Membership

- It identifies a person as a genuine believer.
- It provides a spiritual family to support and encourage a person in their walk with Christ. (Gal. 6:1-2)
- It gives a person a place to discover and use their gifts in ministry. (1 Cor. 12:4-27)
- It places people under the spiritual protection of godly leaders. (Heb. 13:17; Acts 20:28-2)
- It gives us the accountability we need to grow. (Eph. 5:21)
- It gives opportunity to vote on matters brought to the church family.

The Responsibilities of Membership

Faithfully participate in the life and ministries of the church
Pray daily for the protection, growth, maturity of the church

Live out a godly lifestyle

Protect and promote the unity of the church

Discover and use your spiritual gift(s) in ministry

Regularly invite friends and family to attend, and warmly welcome all who visit

Participate in annual membership meetings and fulfill your responsibilities

Financially support the ministries of RMAC

General Fund - finances the operating costs of our church

GA- Global Advance Fund—helps to support 500+ international workers of the C&MA

Missions Fund—used for outreach beginning in Rocky Mountain House and extending to the rest of the world. This includes support of:

short term missions and other non-C&MA missions

local community ministries

Benevolent Fund - helps meet the needs of individuals within RMAC and the community

Building Fund—helps payoff current mortgage

What's Next?

We invite you to become a member of Rocky Mountain Alliance Church!

The next step is to complete a Membership Information sheet (form is in the folder), write out your story of how you came to faith in Christ and agree to assume the responsibilities of membership. Give this sheet to the church office.

Once you have taken these steps, the elders will arrange to meet individually (or as a couple) with you. The purpose of this visit is to be able to listen to the story of how you came to know the Lord Jesus Christ, and to answer any questions you may have about membership or the church.

The final step takes place after approval of your membership by the elders and Governing Board. We will then schedule a special time during a morning worship service to publicly welcome you into membership.

Church Membership Information Form -*Example*

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

Province _____ Postal Code _____

Phone _____

E-mail _____

Have you been baptized as a believer? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Are you fully supportive of Rocky Mountain Alliance vision and mission? ☐ Yes ☐ No

In what areas of ministry do you believe God has gifted you?

Signature _____

Date _____

After completing this form, please return it to the church office and we'll have one of the elders contact you.

Interviewed by _____

Date _____

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